

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in the weeks before the election is not merely a telltale example of the dangers inherent in media consolidation, it is more importantly a direct threat to free and fair elections in November. "Stolen Honor" is universally acknowledged to be slanted against one of the two major presidential candidates, and its airing -- without equal time for an opposing point of view -- violates every standard for fair broadcasting during an election cycle.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, and the FCC is encharged with overseeing and enforcing that obligation.

This year's is a close election, which is galvanizing record-setting voter-registration drives and interest in the debates. In the case of "Stolen Honor," I firmly believe that the Sinclair Broadcasting is attempting to use its power and media position to influence, unfairly and unjustly, the outcome of this election. It is incumbent upon the FCC to constrain Sinclair Broadcasting in this abuse of power and this -- it is plain as day, and there is no other way to say it -- attack upon democracy.

Yours Respectfully,

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